The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1 (Currently amended). A method of purchasing products and services over a network comprising the steps of:

submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes ~~at least one attribute~~ over the network;

receiving a plurality of bids ~~at least one bid~~ in response to the RFQ over the network, each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of attributes ~~at least one bid having at least one attribute value associated therewith~~;

creating a graphical visual interface based on a ~~Cartesian~~ coordinate system having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with each of the attributes identified along each of the plurality of equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality attributes there is a point which reflects an attribute value for an attribute of each of said plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid line which connects a plurality of points wherein each point is associated with an attribute value for one attribute of a bid of said plurality of bids, whereby the graphical user interface shows ~~showing~~ a relationship in a graphical format between attribute values of different attributes of different bids of said plurality of bids ~~the at least one attribute and the at least one bid and associated attribute value~~ in a single display; and

displaying information pertinent to a selected bid of the plurality of bids ~~at least one bid~~.

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3 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the information is one of a general information and detailed information related to ~~the~~ at least one bid of said plurality of bids.

4 (Currently amended). The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a portion of a ~~selected sell~~ bid line ~~created from connected attribute values of the at least one bid~~; and

retrieving the general or detailed information from a database, the general or detailed information being pertinent to the ~~selected sell~~ bid line.

5 (Currently amended). The method of claim 4, wherein the retrieved general information is provided in a window adjacent the ~~selected sell~~ bid line.

6 (Original). The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

creating a display separate from the graphical visual interface; and

displaying the detailed information in the separate display.

7 (Original). The method of claim 6, wherein the detailed information is rendered in one of text, image, audio, sound, video, graphs and animation.

8 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the information is attribute information associated with ~~at least~~ one ~~sell~~ bid line ~~created by connected attribute values of the at least one bid~~.

9 (Currently amended). The method of claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a portion of a ~~selected sell~~ bid line; and

retrieving the attribute information from a database for display.

10 (Original). The method of claim 9, wherein the attribute information is one of text, image, audio, sound, video, graphs and animation.

11 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

tagging at least one ~~sell~~ bid line ~~created from connected attribute values of the at least one bid~~; and

displaying the tagged at least one ~~sell~~ bid line on the graphical visual interface after a selected filtering operation.

12 (Currently amended). The method of claim 11, wherein the graphical information is at least one attribute value associated with the tagged at least one ~~sell~~ bid line.

13 (Currently amended). The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

untagging the at least one ~~sell~~ bid line; and

removing the untagged at least one ~~sell~~ bid line from the graphical visual interface in response to the selected filtering operation.

14 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a count of bid lines associated with the at least one bid, the count being displayed on the graphical visual interface.

15 (Original). The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of continuously counting the number of bid lines and displaying the counted number of bid lines in the graphical visual interface.

16 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of enlarging or reducing a portion of the graphical visual interface.

17 (Currently amended). The method of claim 16, wherein the enlarging or reducing steps show portions of ~~sell~~ bid lines ~~representative of connected attribute values of the at least one bid~~.

18 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of scrolling the graphical visual interface in a desired direction.

19 (Currently amended). A method of purchasing products and services over a network comprising the steps of:

submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes ~~at least one attribute~~ over the network;

receiving a plurality of bids ~~at least one bid~~ in response to the RFQ over the network, each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of attributes ~~at least one bid having at least one attribute value associated therewith~~;

creating a graphical visual interface based on a ~~C~~artesian coordinate system having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with each of the plurality of attributes identified along each of the plurality of equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality of attributes there is a point which reflects an attribute value for an attribute of each of said plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid line which connects a plurality of points wherein each point is associated with an attribute value for one attribute of a bid of said plurality of bids, whereby the graphical user interface shows ~~showing~~ a relationship in a graphical format between attribute values of different attributes of different bids of said plurality of bids ~~the at least one attribute and the at least one bid and associated attribute value~~ in a single display~~, wherein the graphical format are sell bid lines created from connected attribute values of the at least one bid~~; and

tagging at least one ~~sell~~ bid line of the ~~sell~~ bid lines, wherein the tagged at least one ~~sell~~ bid line remains displayed on the graphical visual interface after a selected filtering operation.

20 (Currently amended). The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

untagging the at least one ~~sell~~ bid line; and

removing the untagged at least one ~~sell~~ bid line from the graphical visual interface in response to the selected filtering operation.

21 (Currently amended). The method of claim 19, further comprising the step of providing information pertinent to the tagged at least one ~~sell~~ bid line.

22 (Currently amended). A system for purchasing products and services over a network comprising:

means for submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes ~~at least one attribute~~ over the network;

means for receiving a plurality of bids ~~at least one bid~~ in response to the RFQ over the network, each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of attributes ~~at least one bid having at least one attribute value~~;

means for creating a graphical visual interface based on a ~~Cartesian~~ coordinate system having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with each of the plurality of attributes identified along each of the plurality of equidistant, parallel axes, and for each of said plurality of attributes there is a point which reflects an attribute value for an attribute of each of said plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid line which connects a plurality of points wherein each point is associated with an attribute value for one attribute of a bid of said plurality of bids, where by graphical user interface shows ~~showing~~ a relationship in a graphical format between attribute values of different attributes of different bids of said plurality of bids ~~the at least one attribute and corresponding attribute value~~ in a single display; and

means for providing information associated with a selected bid of the plurality of bids ~~at least one bid~~.

23 (Original). The system of claim 22, wherein the information is one of general information, detailed information and attribute information.

24 (Currently amended). The system of claim 23, further comprising:

means for selecting a portion of a selected ~~sell~~ bid line ~~representative of connected attribute values of the at least one bid~~; and

means for retrieving the general or detailed information from a database, the general or detailed information being pertinent to the selected ~~sell~~ bid line.

25 (Original). The system of claim 24, further comprising:

means for creating a display separate from the graphical visual interface; and

means for displaying the detailed information in the display.

26 (Currently amended). The system of claim 22, further comprising means for tagging at least one ~~sell~~ bid line~~, created from connected attribute values of the at least one bid~~, the tagged at least one ~~sell~~ bid line being displayed on the graphical visual interface after a selected filtering operation.

27 (Original). The system of claim 22, further comprising:

means for counting bid lines created from connected attribute values of the at least one bid; and

means for displaying the counted bid lines.

28 (Original). The system of claim 22, further comprising means for enlarging or reducing a portion of the graphical visual interface.

29 (Original). The system of claim 22, further comprising means for scrolling the graphical visual interface in a desired direction.

30 (Currently amended). A machine readable medium containing code for purchasing products and services over a network, the code implementing the steps of:

submitting a Request for Quotation (RFQ) with a plurality of attributes ~~at least one attribute~~ over the network;

receiving a plurality of bids ~~at least one bid~~ in response to the RFQ over the network, each of the plurality of bids having values for each of said plurality of attributes ~~at least one bid having at least one attribute value~~;

creating a graphical visual interface based on a ~~Cartesian~~ coordinate system having a plurality of equidistant, parallel axes with each of the plurality of attributes identified along each of said plurality of equidistant, parallel axes and for each of said plurality of attributes there isa point which reflects an attribute value for an attribute of each of said plurality of bids, and where each of said plurality of bids is identified by a bid line which connects a plurality of points wherein each point is associated with an attribute value for one attribute of a bid of said plurality bids, whereby the graphical user interface shows ~~showing~~ a relationship in a graphical format between attribute values of different attributes of different bids of said plurality of bids ~~the at least one attribute and the at least one bid and associated attribute value in a single display~~ in a single display; and

providing information associated with a selected bid of the plurality of bids ~~at least one bid~~.